

CHAPTER 6. LEAVES, HOURS OF WORK AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

SUBCHAPTER 2. HOURS OF WORK

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4A:6-2.1 General provisions

(a) In local service, appointing authorities, subject to applicable negotiations requirements, may establish the hours of work.

(b) In State service, this subchapter applies to all employees in the career, senior executive or unclassified service.

1. The number of hours comprising the normal workweek for each job title shall be indicated in the State compensation plan.

2. For State overtime and holiday pay procedures, See N.J.A.C. 4A:3-5.1 et seq.

4A:6-2.2 Fixed workweek (35, 40, 3E or 4E) job titles: State service

(a) Job titles which meet all of the following criteria shall be assigned a fixed workweek of either 35 or 40 hours:

1. The work schedule is consistently regular, amenable to administrative control and determined by the direction of a supervisor rather than by the nature of the service and employees have minimal discretion over their work schedule;

2. The hours of work conform to a standard pattern of work time for the typical work location;

3. Employees normally work under direct supervision within a formal work program in a State office, location or place of business. Field work without direct supervision is minimal; and

4. An appointing authority can certify with assurance when an employee performs work beyond the normal workweek.

(b) Job titles which meet the criteria in (a) above are designated as 35 hours (35) or 40 hours (40), except those exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. 20 et seq., are designated exempt 35 hours (3E) or exempt 40 hours (4E).

4A:6-2.2A Law enforcement work schedule (4L): State service

(a) Job titles which meet all of the following criteria may be assigned an alternate work schedule consisting of a 28-day cycle, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 207(k):

1. Employees are uniformed or plainclothes members of a body of officers and subordinates;

2. Employees are empowered by statute or local ordinance to enforce laws designed to maintain public peace and order, to protect life and property from accident or willful injury and to prevent and detect crimes;

3. Employees have the power to arrest; and

4. Employees have participated in a special course of instruction or study (or will undergo on-the-job training) which typically includes: self defense, physical training, firearm proficiency, criminal and civil law principles, investigative and law enforcement techniques, community relations, medical aid and ethics.

(b) Job titles which meet the criteria in (a) above and which are assigned such an alternate work schedule shall be designated 4L. All employees who meet the criteria are considered engaged in law enforcement activities regardless of their rank or their status as trainee, probationary or permanent employees.

1. The tour of duty within the 28 day cycle shall total at least 160 hours. At the discretion of the appointing authority, employees who work more than 160 hours may be compensated through either a provision for flexible work patterns or a grant of comparable amounts of time off to a maximum of one hour for each hour of such additional work time.

2. Within the 28 day cycle, employees can work a maximum of 171 hours. Employees may work more than 40 hours in a week without incurring overtime, so long as they do not work more than 171 hours within the 28 day cycle. Overtime begins on the 172nd hour.

3. Except for the special eligibility requirements set forth above, overtime compensation shall be paid in the same manner as employees in 40 hour workweek titles. See N.J.A.C. 4A:3-5.5(b).

4A:6-2.3 Non-limited (NL, NE or N4) job titles: State service

(a) Titles in the following categories shall be assigned a non-limited workweek:

1. Titles in which employees have direct or delegated responsibility for the management of a State governmental unit or a professional level program, including deputies, assistants and staff administrative titles at management levels who are authorized to assume many of the functions performed by their supervisor. This category could include supervisory professional titles above the level of crew leader and clerical supervisor;

2. Non-management titles which do not meet all of the criteria for a fixed workweek set forth in > N.J.A.C. 4A:6-2.2(a);

3. Sworn unclassified employees of the State police;

4. Military titles in the Department of Defense in which employees are required to be on duty in support of National Guard units; and

5. Titles in which schedules of work vary considerably between a prime and a slack work season.

(b) Non-limited titles are those titles having irregular or variable work hours. Such titles shall be designated as follows:

1. Non-limited (NL) titles are those titles in which employees work at least a 35 hour workweek with occasional requirements for a longer workweek to complete projects or assignments.

2. Non-limited, 40 hour (N4) titles are those in which employees work at least a 40-hour workweek with occasional requirements for a longer workweek to complete projects or assignments.

3. Non-limited, non-exempt (NE) titles are those titles which are subject to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, > 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.

4A:6-2.4 Holidays: State service

(a) Holidays as authorized by law or Executive Order shall be allowed as days off with regular pay for full-time employees. Part-time employees who work a constant percentage of a full workweek shall receive holiday leave credit on a proportionate basis.

(b) Employees in intermittent titles shall receive holiday leave credit based on accumulated hours of work as follows:

1. Holiday pay shall be paid at the end of a bi-weekly pay period and shall be calculated by dividing the number of hours the employee was in regular pay status in that pay period by the number of hours which a full-time employee would work during that pay period, and then multiplying that amount by the number of holiday hours for that pay period.

2. An intermittent employee who has resigned, been removed or been laid off prior to the last day of the pay period shall not receive holiday pay for that pay period.

(c) When an authorized State holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as the holiday. When an authorized holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as the holiday.

(d) Employees who are in pay status on the day immediately before an authorized holiday shall receive pay for the holiday. An employee on a voluntary furlough or a furlough extension leave on the day before a holiday shall receive pay for the holiday as long as the employee is in pay status during the pay period in which the holiday falls.

4A:6-2.5 Inclement weather or emergency conditions: State service

(a) The Governor or his or her designee, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Management, shall determine whether a period of inclement weather or other adverse situation requires the curtailment of State operations and services and whether emergency procedures need be implemented.

1. This determination shall include whether the curtailment shall be Statewide, regional, specific to one or more facilities, or limited in some other manner.

2. The Office of Emergency Management shall notify all State departments and agencies, and appropriate media outlets, when the curtailment of State operations and services and/or an Essential Employee Attendance Plan are to be implemented.

(b) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "Essential Employee Attendance Plan" shall mean that portion of a department or agency's procedures for operating during a period of inclement weather or other adverse situation that explains the responsibilities, requirements and expectations of essential attendance employees in the event that the Governor determines that a period of inclement weather or other adverse situation requires the curtailment of State operations or services.

2. "Inclement weather or other adverse situation" shall mean an actual or imminent change in the weather or an actual or imminent change in other conditions or circumstances that is serious enough to disrupt all or a portion of the functions of State government.

(c) Each State department and agency shall annually review its criteria for the designation of essential attendance employees and, based on these criteria, update its roster of such employees. Employees so designated shall be notified no later than October 31 of each year of this designation and shall at that time be provided with a copy of the department or agency's Essential Employee Attendance Plan. The Plan shall include the responsibilities, requirements and expectations of such employees in the event that a period of inclement weather or other adverse situation requires the curtailment of State operations or services.

1. Each State department and agency shall provide the Department of Personnel and affected union representatives with its updated roster of essential attendance employees no later than November 15 of each year. The Department of Personnel shall make this information available to the Office of Emergency Management.

(d) An essential attendance employee who is required to work in accordance with an Essential Employee Attendance Plan shall be compensated at the regular rate of pay for such work. See N.J.A.C. 4A:3-5 for overtime compensation for work performed by non-exempt employees in excess of the regular workweek.

4A:6-2.6 Flexitime programs: State service

(a) Appointing authorities may establish flexitime programs to accommodate operational and/or employee needs, and shall provide for:

1. Core time, which is the period of time during which all employees must be present;
2. Flexible time, which is the period of time before and after the core time in which the employees may choose, subject to appointing authority approval, time of arrival and departure;
3. A meal period which may be flexible in duration and scheduling.

(b) An appointing authority may limit participation in a flexitime program to selected groups of job titles, work units and/or work locations to accommodate operational needs.

(c) Department of Personnel assigned workweeks for affected titles, for example, 35 or 40 hours, shall be retained.

(d) Establishment, modification or termination of a flexitime program shall not become effective without the approval of the Commissioner. Requests for these actions shall be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the proposed effective date to the Department of Personnel and shall include:

1. Justification which relates the requested action to operational and employee needs;
2. Statement of impact on services to the public or agency clientele;
3. Details of the core time, flexible time and meal periods;
4. Groups of job titles, work units and/or work locations to be covered by the program;
5. Procedures governing employee participation in the program;
6. Approval procedures for individual flexitime schedules and changes;
7. Provisions for giving employees at least two weeks notice of termination of the program;
8. Monitoring and evaluation procedures; and
9. Name, address and telephone number of the program administrator.

(e) An appointing authority may authorize a complete or partial temporary suspension of the flexitime program if required by operational needs. Within 10 days of the suspension of the program, the appointing authority shall submit to the Commissioner a fully detailed justification and specify the duration of the suspension.

(f) Appointing authorities should consult with affected negotiations representatives concerning flexitime programs before implementation.

(g) A description of an appointing authority's flexitime program shall be made available to employees upon request.

(h) Overtime compensation for employees in flexitime programs shall be regulated in the same manner as for all other employees.

4A:6-2.7 Alternative workweek programs: State service

(a) Appointing authorities may establish alternative workweek programs, such as a four day workweek, to accommodate operational and/or employee needs.

(b) A program may be developed for year-round use or for a specific portion of a year.

(c) An appointing authority may limit participation in an alternative workweek program to selected groups of job titles, work units and/or work locations to accommodate operational needs.

(d) Department of Personnel assigned workweeks for affected titles, for example, 35 or 40 hours, shall be retained.

(e) Appointing authorities shall develop, subject to Department of Personnel approval, appropriate sick, vacation and administrative leave schedules for employees participating in an alternative workweek program.

(f) Since employees in an alternative workweek program have a longer or shorter workday than employees on a five day workweek schedule, a time differential exists on holidays. This differential shall be equalized in a manner determined by the appointing authority. If a holiday occurs on an employee's regular day off, he or she shall be granted an additional day off consistent with operational needs.

(g) Establishment, modification or termination of an alternative workweek program shall not become effective without the approval of the Commissioner. Requests for these actions must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the proposed effective date to the Department of Personnel and shall include the same items listed in > N.J.A.C. 4A:6-2.6(d).

(h) An appointing authority may authorize a complete or partial temporary suspension of the alternative workweek program if required by operational needs. Within 10 days of the suspension of the program, the appointing authority shall submit to the Commissioner a fully detailed justification and specify the duration of the suspension.

(i) Appointing authorities should consult with affected negotiations representatives concerning alternative workweek programs before implementation.

(j) A description of an appointing authority's alternative workweek program shall be made available to employees upon request.

(k) Overtime compensation for employees in alternative workweek programs shall be regulated in the same manner as for all other employees, except as specified in > N.J.A.C. 4A:3-5.3.

4A:6-2.8 Adjusted hours of operation: State service

(a) Appointing authorities may adjust established hours of daily or shift operations to accommodate operational and/or employee needs.

(b) Department of Personnel assigned workweeks, for affected titles, for example, 35 or 40 hours, shall be retained.

(c) Except for emergency situations of limited duration, adjustments in hours of daily or shift operation shall not become effective without the approval of the Commissioner. Requests for these actions should be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the proposed effective date to the Department of Personnel and shall include:

1. Justification which relates the change to operational and employee needs;
2. Statement of impact on services to the public or agency clientele, employees and the community, that is, traffic flow;
3. Details of adjustments;
4. Work locations and approximate number of employees affected;
5. Provisions for giving employees at least two weeks written notice of adjustments; and
6. Name, address and telephone number of the program administrator.

(d) Appointing authorities should consult with affected negotiations representatives regarding adjustments in hours of daily or shift operations before implementation.